Donations from City Councilman Schenirer, Sierra Health and The California Endowment allow program expansion

Sacramento City Unified School District is working to close achievement gaps and lower the drop-out rate for urban boys with its new Men's Leadership Academy at American Legion, C.K. McClatchy and John F. Kennedy hig13.nto)

percent. The rate is far worse for students of color. In Sacramento County, more than one of every four black or Latino students dropped out of school during the last four years. Also, boys were 35 percent more likely to drop out than girls.

The Men's Leadership Academy provides young men with successful role models and introduces them to the range of jobs awaiting those who are continuing their education beyond high school. On Thursday (May 31), SCUSD employees will be taking Men's Leadership Academy students on a field trip to UC Berkeley. For most of the kids, the trip will mark their first visit to a university campus.

"The risk of not providing these boys with the tools for success in life is too great," said Superintendent Raymond. "We must give them every opportunity to become tomorrow's leaders."

Men's Leadership Academy Launch 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29 American Legion High School 3801 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95817

#